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Letter dated 13 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter from Mr. Vojislav Kostunica, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Mladenovic**
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Annex to the letter dated 13 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The grave situation in the Ground Safety Zone in southern Serbia has compelled me to ask you to convene an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has always respected Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and the Military-Technical Agreement in their entirety, and intends to do so in the future as well. However, I would like you to understand the specific, trying circumstances of the still fragile democratization process in Yugoslavia, which calls for some unyielding evidence that the international community is resolved to fulfil its obligations.

Armed Albanians in the Ground Safety Zone have stirred up fears among both Serbs and Albanians, which will certainly not help the process of reconciliation between the two ethnic groups. Also, the incidents in the area will make a durable solution to the Kosovo issue even more remote and complicated, and will aggravate general stability in the region.

It is not only a matter of trust in the new democratic authorities of Yugoslavia but in the international community as well, that our citizens need most at this moment. The effort on the part of the Security Council would no doubt alleviate the effects of the years of mistrust that are behind us.

(*Signed*) Vojislav **Kostunica**